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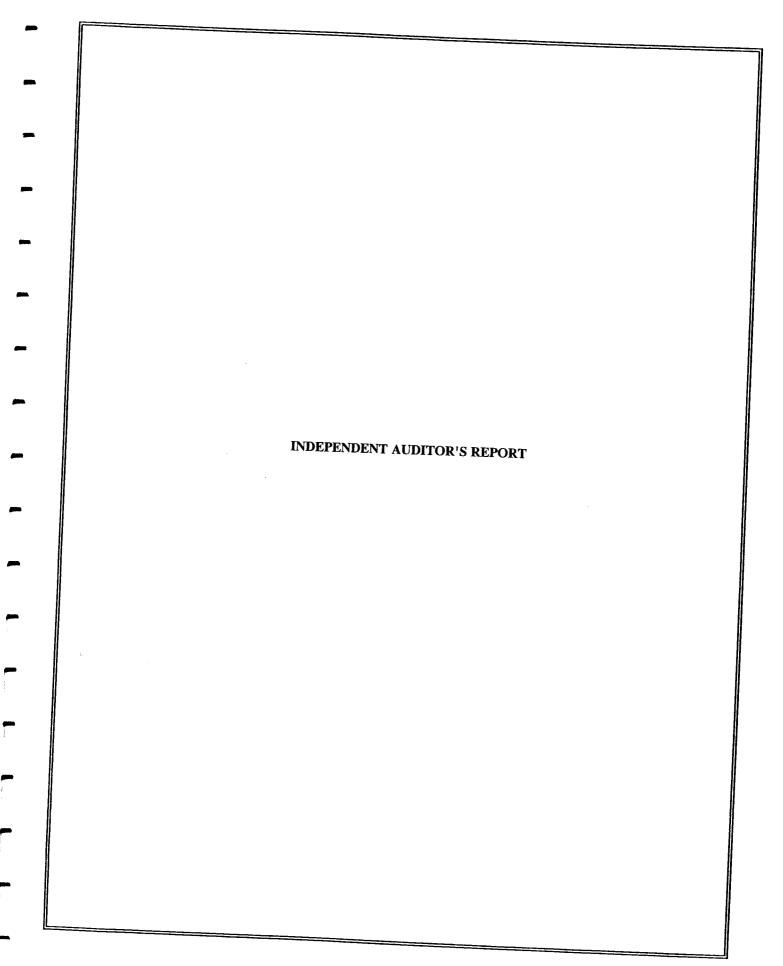
June 30, 2005

# Michigan Deptartment of Treasury 496 (2-04) Auditing Procedures Report

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Board of Trustees **West Iron County Sewer Authority** Caspian, Michigan 49915

#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities and each major fund of the **West Iron County Sewer Authority**, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the Authority's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the Board of Trustees, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities and each major fund of the **West Iron County Sewer Authority** at June 30, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the fiscal year ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 01, 2005 on our consideration of the **West Iron County Sewer Authority**'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants.

The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with the report in considering the results of our audit.

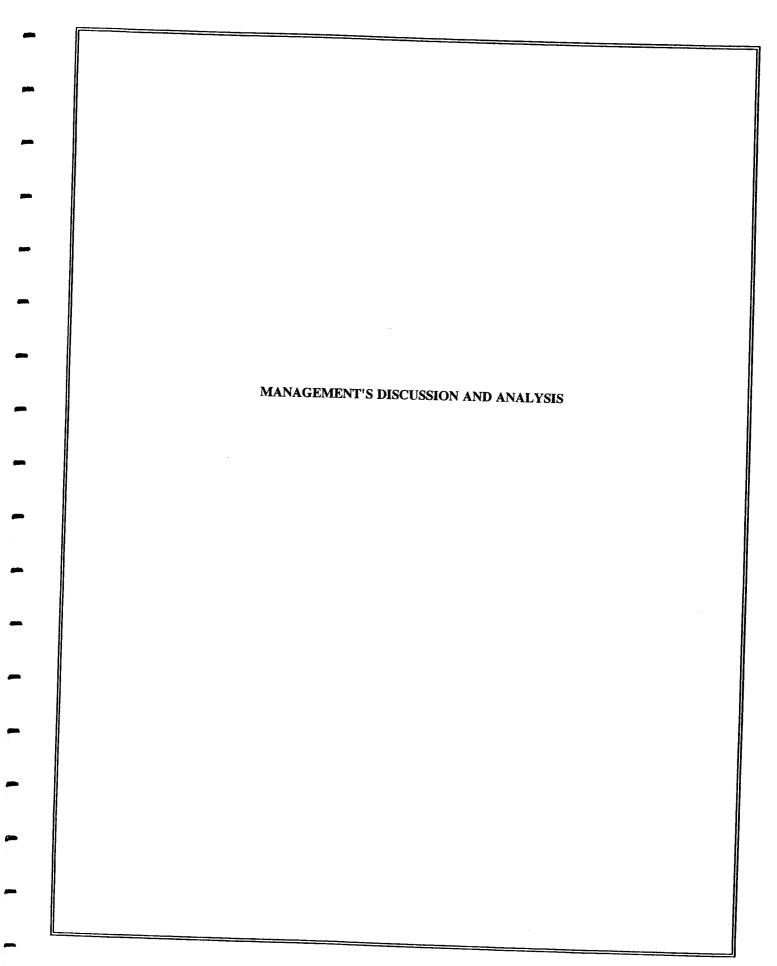
The management's discussion and analysis on pages 7 through 15 and the budgetary comparison information are not required parts of the basic financial statements but are supplemental information required by the *Governmental Accounting Standards Board* and by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of the inquiries of management, regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplemental information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the West Iron County Sewer Authority's basic financial statements. The individual fund financial statements are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The individual fund financial statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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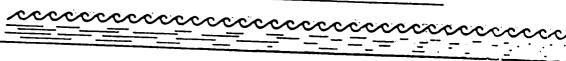
Dianne S. Rostagno DS ROSTAGNO, CPA, P.C.

August 01, 2005





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The management of the West Iron County Sewer Authority provides this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the West Iron County Sewer Authority for the year ended June 30, 2005. As readers, you are encouraged to read this discussion and analysis in conjunction with the Authority's financial statement information included in this report.

## Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Authority's basic financial statements. The financial section of this report includes management's discussion and analysis and the basic financial statements. The basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

## Government-wide financial statements

The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Authority's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Assets presents information on all of the Authority's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Authority is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The government-wide financial statements reflect the Authority's functions in the enterprise fund, which is the only fund of the **West Iron County Sewer Authority**. This means that the revenues are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their cost through user fees and charges (business-type activities). There are no governmental activities.



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#### Fund Financial Statements

The Authority, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. In the basic financial statements, the emphasis of the fund financial statements is on major funds. The only fund of the Authority (in addition to the fiduciary fund) is a **proprietary fund**.

#### Proprietary Funds

Proprietary Funds provide services for which the Authority charges customers a fee. The Authority has only one type of proprietary fund - an enterprise fund. The enterprise fund of the Authority is used to report the same functions as the business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The Proprietary Fund is presented separately in both the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements and is considered a major fund. Enterprise funds are used to account for operations very similar to business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the cost of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

#### Notes to the Financial Statements

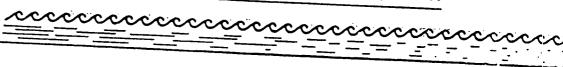
Notes to the financial statements are included in the basic financial statements, and provide additional information that is essential for a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and the fund financial statements.

#### Supplementary Information

Required supplementary information generally follows the basic financial statements, and includes budgetary comparison schedules for the General Fund and the entity's major special revenue funds as presented in the governmental fund financial statements. Since there are no governmental funds, this section has been omitted.



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# Government-wide Financial Analysis

In time, net assets of a governmental entity may serve as a useful indicator of the government's financial position. In the case of the Authority, assets exceeded liabilities by \$ 5,787,603 at June 30.

By far, the largest portion of the Authority's assets (approximately 71%) is held in the form of capital assets (net). These capital assets are used to provide services to citizens and are not available for future spending. It should be also noted that these assets carry related debt of \$4,905,000, representing both the unpaid balance on the 1998 bond issue, and the 2005 refunding bond issue. An escrow account has been established to pay off the 1998 issue, and at June 30, the account had a balance of \$2,973,897. At June 30, 2005, the Authority reported \$2,707,391 in capital assets net of related debt. And, at June 30, 2005, ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

## **Summary of Nets Assets**

The following is a comparative summary of the net assets at June 30, 2005 and June 30, 2004:

Assets Current and other assets Capital assets, net Total Assets	June 30, 2005  Primary Government  Business-type	Total  \$ 3088921     7612391  10701312
Liabilities Long-term liabilities Other liabilities  Total Liabilities	4740000 173709 \$ 4913709	4740000 173709 \$ <b>4913709</b>



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Government-wide Financial Analysis (Continued)

**Summary of Net Assets (Continued)** 

Net Assets	June 30, 2005 <u>Primary Government</u> Business-type <u>Activities</u>	-	Total
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Restricted for payment of debt Unrestricted	\$ 2707391 2973897 106315	\$	2707391 2973897
Total Net Assets	\$ 5787603	\$	106315 5787603

Assets	June 30, 2004 Primary Government Business-type Activities	-	Total
Current and other assets Capital assets, net	\$ 624110	\$	624110
Total Assets	<u>7677622</u> <b>8301732</b>		7677622 8301732
Liabilities Long-term liabilities Other liabilities	2400000 83397		2400000 83397
Total Liabilities	\$ 2483397	\$	2483397



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Government-wide Financial Analysis (Continued)

**Summary of Net Assets (Continued)** 

	June 30, 2004 Primary Government Business-type	
Net Assets	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt Unrestricted	\$ 5197622 620713	\$ 5197622 620713
Total Net Assets	\$ 5818335	\$ 5818335

The following represents the comparative changes in net assets for business-type activities for the years ended June 30, 2005 and June 30, 2004:

	June 30, 2005  Primary Government		
REVENUES	Business-type Activities	_	<u>Totals</u>
Program Revenues Charges for services Capital grants Interest and Investment Earnings	\$ 596911 0 <u>8707</u>	\$	596911 0 8707
Total Revenues	\$ 605618	Ś	605618



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Government-wide Financial Analysis (Continued)

**Summary of Net Assets (Continued)** 

··. ·	June 30, 2005  Primary Government	
	Business-type	_
EXPENSES	Activities	<b>Totals</b>
Office and Administration Sewer Plant	\$ 109542	\$ 109542
Interest Expense	335260	335260
Depreciation	121173	121173
	71788	71788
Total business-type expenses	\$ 637763	\$ 637763
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	(32145)	(32145)
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	5818335	5818335
Cumulative effect of a change in th application of accounting principl	e e 1413	1413
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ <u>5787603</u>	\$ <u>5787603</u>

	June 30, 2004 <u>Primary Government</u> Business-type	
REVENUES	Activities	<b>Totals</b>
Program Revenues Charges for services Capital grants Interest and Investment Earnings	\$ 547199 0 5979	\$ 547199 0 5979
Total Revenues	\$ 553178	\$ 553178



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Government-wide Financial Analysis (Continued)

**Summary of Net Assets (Continued)** 

	June 30, 2004 Primary Government	
·	Business-type Activities	<u>Totals</u>
Office and Administration Sewer Plant Interest Expense Depreciation	\$ 7276 342730 124173 	\$ 7276 342730 124173 71859
Total business-type expenses	\$ 546038	\$ 546038
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	7140	7140
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	5811195	5811195
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ <u>5818335</u>	\$ 5818335

#### **Business-type Activities**

Business-type activities decreased the Authority's net assets by \$32,145 before the cumulative effect of a change in the application of accounting principle. Charges for services for the sewer plant for the year ended were \$596,911.

Total expenses for the sewer plant for the year ended were \$ 637,763.

#### **Proprietary Funds**

The Authority's proprietary fund provides the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.



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### Capital Assets and Debt Administration

#### Capital Assets

The Authority's investment in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, for its business-type activities as of June 30, 2005 is \$ 7,612,391. The investment in capital assets includes land, building, machinery and equipment.

There are no infrastructure assets.

#### Major capital events:

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, the West Iron County Sewer Authority issued \$2,505,000 in Refunding Revenue Bonds to pay the cost of refunding all or a portion of the West Iron County Sewer Authority's outstanding Sewage Disposal System Revenue Refunding Bonds (1998 issue.) The bonds were issued in order to realize a reduction in the amount of debt service payments required to be paid on the new refunding bonds as compared to the outstanding bonds.

#### Long-term debt

The Authority's long-term debt consists of Series 1998 Refunding Revenue Bonds, the balance of which is \$2,400,000 at June 30, 2005, and the new Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2005 in the amount of \$2,505,000.

#### Other Economic Factors

There are no significant plans or major priorities for the Authority for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

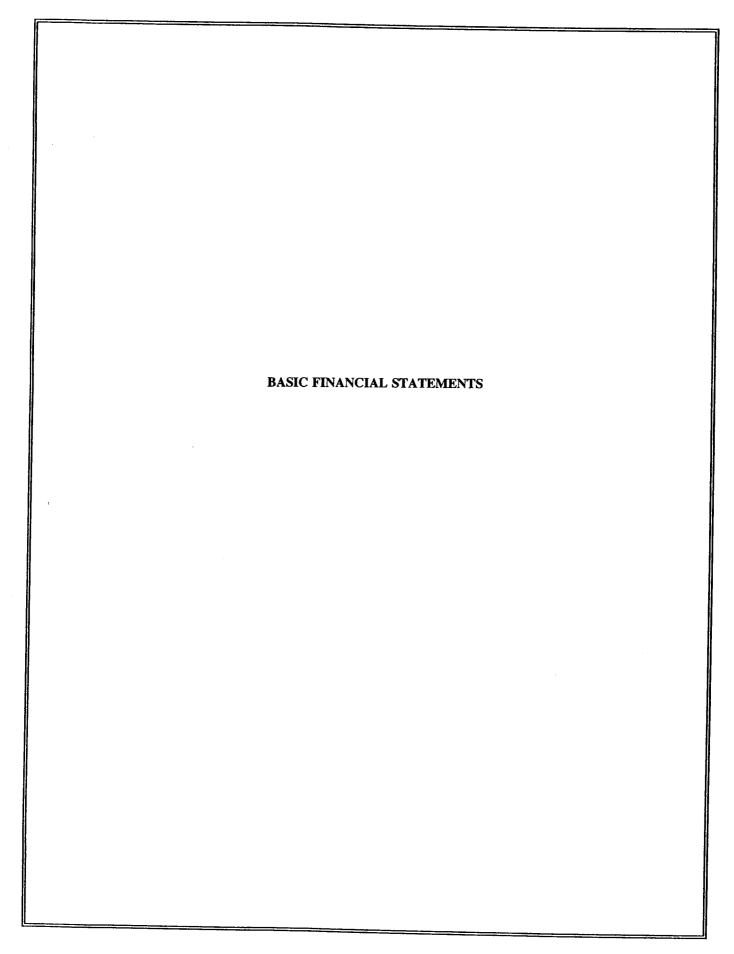


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## **Requests for Information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Authority's finances for all those with an interest in the Authority's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to:

West Iron County Sewer Authority P.O. Box 246 Caspian, Michigan 49915



#### STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

JUNE 30, 2005

ASSETS	Business-Type Activities
Current Assets  Cash and Cash Equivalents (Note B)  Accounts Receivable  Due from External Parties	\$ 107,303 1,380 6,341
Total Current Assets	115,024
Noncurrent Assets Restricted Cash Capital Assets, Net (Note F )	2,973,897 7,612,391
Total Noncurrent Assets	10,586,288
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 10,701,312
LIABILITIES Current Liabilities Accrued Benefits Accrued Interest Bonds/Notes Payable (Due within one year)	2,118 6,591 165,000
Total Current Liabilities	173,709
Noncurrent Liabilities Bonds/Notes Payable (Note G)	4,740,000
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	4,740,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,913,709
NET ASSETS Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt Restricted for Payment of Debt Unreserved and Undesignated	2,707,391 2,973,897 106,315
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<b>\$</b> 5,787,603

#### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

Functions/Programs				PROGRA	M REV	ENUES	and	et(Expense) Revenue I Changes in let Assets
		Expenses		Charges for Services		Operating Grants & Contributions		Business-Type Activities
Business-type Activities								
Office and Administration Sewer Plant Interest Expense Depreciation (Unallocated)	\$	109,542 335,260 121,173 71,788	\$	- 596,911	\$	-	\$	(109,542) 261,651 (121,173) (71,788)
Total Business-type Activities	\$	637,763	\$	596,911	\$	-	\$	(40,852)
General Revenues: Interest and Investme	ent Earn	ings						8,707
Total General Re	venues	<b>.</b>						8,707
Change in Net Assets								(32,145)
Net Assets - Beginning of year								5,818,335
Cumulative effect of a change in the of accounting principle	ne appli	cation						1,413
Net Assets - End of year							\$	5,787,603

#### STATEMENT OF FUND NET ASSETS ENTERPRISE FUND

JUNE 30, 2005

ASSETS	Sewer Authority
Current Assets:	
Cash, unrestricted	
Accounts Receivable, net	\$ 107,303
Due from External Parties	1,380
Due nom External Parties	6,341
Total Current Assets	
- Out Out one Assets	115,024
Non-current Assets:	,021
Restricted cash	
Capital assets:	2,973,897
Land and Improvements	, , , , ,
Building	38,933
Sewer Station: Lines and Equipment	6,656,017
Furniture and Fixtures	4,793,308
Less allowance for depreciation	2,006
Total Capital assets	(3,877,873)
	7,612,391
Total Non-current Assets	, ,,,,,
	10,586,288
TOTAL ASSETS	, ,===
	\$ 10,701,312
LIABILITIES	,
Current Liabilities:	•
Accrued benefits	
Accrued interest	2,118
Bonds/notes payable (Due within one year)	6,591
payable (Due within one year)	165,000
Total Current Liabilities	
	173,709
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Bonds/notes payable	
, -,, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -	4,740,000
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	
	4,740,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	
	4,913,709
IET ASSETS	
nvested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	
Restricted for payment of debt	2,707,391
Inrestricted and Undesignated	2,973,897
and ondesignated	106,315
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OTAL NET ASSETS	

# STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS ENTERPRISE FUND

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

OPERATING REVENUES		
Charges for Services - Municipal Units Operating and Maintenance	\$	389,371
Debt Retirement	Ψ	187,611
Charges for Services - Other		1,200
Miscellaneous Revenues		18,729
Miscellalieous Meveriues		
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES		596,911
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Personal Services and Benefits		198,371
Repairs and Maintenance		8,008
Other Supplies and Expenses		128,881
Office and Administration		109,542
Depreciation		71,788
Miscellaneous	<del></del>	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		516,590
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)		80,321
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses:)		
Interest Revenue		8,707
Interest Expense		(121,173)
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)		(112,466)
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS		(32,145)
NET ASSETS, BEGINNING OF YEAR		5,818,335
Add: Cumulative Effect of a Change in the Application of Accounting Principles		1,413
NET ASSETS, END OF YEAR	\$	5,787,603

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS ENTERPRISE FUND

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

### CASH FLOWS FROM (USED BY)

OPERATING ACTIVITIES  Net cash received from fees and services Other operating revenues Cash payments to employees for services Cash payments to goods and services Other operating expenses	\$	577,244 18,729 (199,650) (149,395)
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$	246,928
NON CAPITAL AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES (Increase) decrease in due from other funds Increase (decrease) in due to other funds Net operating transfers in (out)	·	(4,928)
NET CASH USED BY NON CAPITAL AND FINANCING	<del></del> -	
ACTIVITIES	\$	(4,928)
CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES  Acquisition and construction of capital assets  Principal payment on long-term bonds  Interest paid on long-term bonds  Interest and tax expense	•	(6,557) (80,000) (114,582)
Proceeds from borrowings Cost of Issuance Underwriter Discount / Bond Insurance	<u></u>	- 2,505,000 (37,577) (59,459)
NET CASH FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES INVESTING ACTIVITIES Interest Income	\$ 2	,206,825
THE FEST MICOINE		8,707
NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	\$	8,707
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	·	457,532
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year		623,668
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year		081,200

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS ENTERPRISE FUND (CONTINUED)

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

# CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Operating Income (Loss) Adjustment to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	\$	177,357
Depreciation     Provision for uncollectible accounts     Changes in assets and liabilities :		71,788 -
(Increase) Decrease in accounts receivable Increase (Decrease) in accounts payable		(938)
Increase (Decrease) in accrued benefits Increase (Decrease) in customer deposits	_	(1,279) -
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$	246,928

#### FIDUCIARY FUND STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET ASSETS

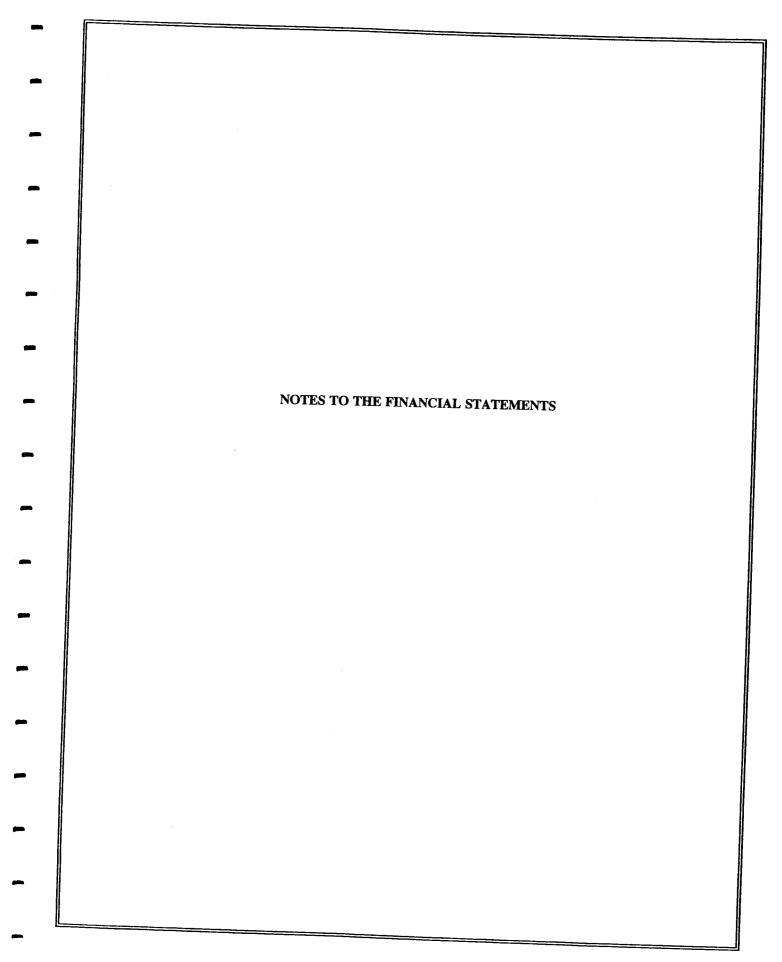
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ASSETS	PRIVATE-PURPOSETRUST FUND
Cash and Cash Equivalents	٥
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 15,000
LIABILITIES	15,000
Due to Other Funds Accrued Benefits	6,341
TOTAL LIABILITIES	8,659
NET ASSETS	15,000
Restricted for Employee Benefits Unrestricted	<del>.</del>
TOTAL NET ASSETS	<u> </u>

## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY FUND NET ASSETS

YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

	PRIVATE-PURPOSE TRUST FUND
ADDITIONS	
Decrease in employee sick leave benefits accrued	\$ 4,928
TOTAL ADDITIONS	4,928
DEDUCTIONS	
Increase in amounts due to Proprietary Fund	4,928
TOTAL DEDUCTIONS	4,928
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$ -



## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JUNE 30, 2005

# NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting methods and procedures adopted by the West Iron County Sewer Authority, Caspian, Michigan, conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental entities. The following is a summary of the more significant policies:

### THE FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY

The Authority was organized to provide sewer service to the cities of Iron River, Stambaugh, (now consolidated with the new City of Iron River), Caspian, Gaastra, and a portion of Iron River Township. The first grant applications were filed in 1982. Two members from each participating municipality are appointed by their respective governmental entities to serve on the Board of Trustees of the West Iron County Sewer Authority.

In accordance with the provisions of GASB 14, certain other governmental organizations are not considered to be part of the entity for financial reporting purposes.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

THE FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY (Continued) The criteria established by GASB 14 for determining the various governmental organizations to be included in the reporting entity's financial statements include separation of electing governing legal and status, and fiscal independence. On this basis, there are no discretely presented component units to be included in the reporting entity.

#### BLENDED COMPONENT UNITS

A blended component unit is a legally separate entity from the local unit, but is so intertwined with the local unit that it is, in substance, the same as the local governmental unit.

A basic strategy of GASB 14 is to present financial information for component units separately from the financial information for the primary government. This is achieved through the discrete presentation method.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

# NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

## BLENDED COMPONENT UNITS (Continued)

However, in the case of blended component units, GASB believes that it would be appropriate to use the blending more method to incorporate the financial information of a component unit into the reporting entity's financial statements. When the blending method is transactions and balances of a component unit are merged with similar transactions and balances of the primary government that there is no way to identify balances relate to the component unit and which relate to the primary government.

On the basis described above, there are no discretely presented component units, nor are there any blended component units whose financial statements are included in the financial statements of the West Iron County Sewer Authority.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

# NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### JOINT VENTURES

A joint venture is a legal entity or other organization that results from a contractual agreement and that is owned, operated, or governed by two or more participants as a separate and specific activity subject to joint control, in which the participants retain an ongoing financial interest or an ongoing financial responsibility.

An ongoing financial responsibility is determined as a participating government's obligation in some manner for debts or the joint venture's existence depends on continued funding by the participating government.

There are no joint ventures to be reported.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

## NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

A jointly governed organization is a multigovernmental arrangement that is governed by representatives from each of the governments that create the organization, but that is not a joint venture because the participants do not retain an ongoing financial interest or responsibility.

There are no jointly governed organizations to be reported.

#### RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

A related organization is an organization for which a primary government is not financially accountable (because it does not impose will or have a financial benefit or burden relations) even though the primary government appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

## NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### RELATED ORGANIZATIONS (Continued)

There are no related organizations to be reported.

#### BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Authority follows GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments. GASB Statement No. 34 adds the following components to the financial statements:

### Management's Discussion and Analysis

A narrative introduction and analytical overview of the government's financial activities. This analysis is similar to the analysis the private sector provides in their annual reports.

### Government-wide financial statements

These include financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all of the government's activities.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

## Government-wide financial statements (Continued)

This approach includes not just current assets and liabilities (such as cash and accounts payable) but also capital assets and long-term liabilities (such as buildings and infrastructure, including bridges and roads, and general obligation debt). Annual accounting also reports all of the revenues and costs of providing services each year, not just those received or paid in the current year or soon thereafter. The government-wide statements include the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Program Activities.

#### Statement of Net Assets

The Statement of Net Assets displays the financial position of the primary government (government and business-type activities, where applicable).

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

# NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

### Statement of Net Assets (Continued)

Governments report all capital assets, including infrastructure, in the government-wide Statement of Net Assets and report depreciation expenses - the cost of "using up" capital assets - in the Statement of Activities. The net assets of a government are broken down into three categories - 1) invested in capital assets, net of related debt; 2) restricted; and 3) unrestricted.

#### Statement of Program Activities

The statement of program activities reports expenses and revenues in a format that focuses on the cost of the government's functions. The expense of individual functions is compared to the revenues generated directly by the function (for instance, through user charges or intergovernmental grants).

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

#### BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

## GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements include both government-wide (based on the Authority as a whole) and fund financial statements. The reporting model focus is on both the Authority as a whole and the fund financial statement (business-type categories).

Both the government-wide and fund financial statements (within the basic financial statements) categorize primary activities as business type only. In the government-wide Statement of Net Assets, the business-type activities column (a) is presented, and (b) is reflected, on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which incorporates long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

#### BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

# GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

Both government-wide and fund financial statement presentations provide valuable information that can be analyzed and compared (between years and between governments) to enhance the usefulness of the financial information.

The Authority generally uses restricted assets first for expenses incurred for which both restricted and unrestricted assets are available. The Authority may defer the use of restricted assets based on a review of the specific transaction.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reflects both the gross and net cost per functional category (office and administration, sewer plant, interest, and depreciation) that are otherwise being supported by general government revenues (interest and investment earnings).

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

### BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

## GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

In the fund financial statements, financial transactions and accounts of the Authority are organized on the basis of funds.

The operation of each fund is considered to be an independent fiscal separate accounting entity, with a self-balancing set of accounts recording and/or other financial resources together with all related liabilities residual equities or balances, and changes therein, which segregated for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with regulations, restrictions, or special limitations.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

### BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

### PROPRIETARY FUNDS

#### Enterprise Funds

These funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises----where the intent the governing body is that the οf costs (expenses including depreciation) of providing goods and services the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purpose.

For reporting purposes, the Sewer Authority Enterprise Fund is the major fund.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

## NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

### FIDUCIARY FUNDS

These funds are used to account for assets held by the Authority in a trustee capacity or as an agent for other individuals, private organizations, other governmental units and/or other funds. The Authority's Sick Leave Fund is a fiduciary fund.

It is classified as a private-purpose trust fund.

### MEASUREMENT FOCUS

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The government-wide statement of net assets, statement of activities, and the proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

### MEASUREMENT FOCUS (Continued)

With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these activities are included on the statement of net assets. Proprietary fund-type operating statements present increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net total assets.

The statement of net assets, statement of activities, and financial statement of the Proprietary Fund are presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

Under this method of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when liabilities are incurred without regard to receipt or disbursement of cash.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

### MEASUREMENT FOCUS (Continued)

The local government unit applies all GASB pronouncements as well as the FASB pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements.

#### ENCUMBRANCES

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriations, is employed for accountability purposes only.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

### ENCUMBRANCES (Continued)

It is the Authority's policy to honor all unfilled contracts/orders at year-end, but the authority to complete these transactions is provided by the new year's budget appropriations, as unexpended appropriations of the current year lapse at year-end.

#### CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Authority pools cash resources of its various funds to facilitate the management of cash. Cash applicable to a particular fund is readily identifiable. The balance in the pooled cash accounts is available to meet current operating requirements.

The Authority classifies cash on hand, cash on deposit (including certificates of deposit), and highly liquid investments with an original maturity of ninety days or less when purchased as cash in its financial statements.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

# NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

### INVENTORIES

Inventories of supplies are expended as received.

### RECEIVABLES

User charges for the Proprietary Fund are recorded as receivable when billed. All receivables are reported at their gross value.

### INTEREST RECEIVABLE

Interest on certificates of deposit is recorded as revenue in the year the interest is earned and is available to pay liabilities of the current period.

### DEFERRED REVENUE

Deferred revenue represents amounts for which asset recognition criteria have been met but for which revenue recognition criteria have not been met, whereby such amounts are measurable but not considered currently available resources.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

# NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

## BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

### RETAINED EARNINGS

Unreserved retained earnings represent net assets available for future operations or distribution. Reserved retained earnings represent net assets that have been legally identified for specific purposes. Designated retained earnings represent amounts earmarked by the Authority for future expenditures.

### NON-MONETARY TRANSACTIONS

The Single Audit Act of 1984, as amended, and OMB Circular A-133 defines federal financial assistance to include both monetary and non-monetary forms of assistance provided by or passed down from a federal agency, such as grants, contracts, loans, loan guarantees, property, etc.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

### CAPITAL ASSETS

To the extent the Authority's capitalization threshold of \$ 500 is met, capital outlays of the Proprietary Funds are recorded as fixed assets and depreciated over their estimated useful lives on a straight-line basis on both the funds basis and the governmental-wide basis using the straight-line method and the following estimated useful lives:

Land Improvements...... 20 years Equipment..... 5 ~ 20 years

All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual cost was not available.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

### CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date donated.

Maintenance, repairs, and equipment are charged to operations when incurred. Expenses that materially change capacities or extend useful lives are capitalized. Upon sale or retirement of land, buildings, the equipment, cost and related accumulated depreciation, if applicable, eliminated from the respective accounts and any resulting gain loss is included in the results of operations.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

#### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

#### COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Employees earn sick leave benefits at the rate of one day per month, which can accrue to a maximum of 120 days. At separation or retirement, employees are paid out 50% of the unused sick days calculated at the employees' current rate of pay.

At June 30, 2005, the total liability of the Authority based on this 50% payoff rate, plus related costs of FICA is \$ 10,824.

As required by the provisions of GASB 16, estimates have been made to determine the current portion of the liability using historical averages. This is the amount which could reasonably be expected to be used within the next 12 month period. This has been expended in the current period, along with related FICA costs. The balance, or long term portion of the liability, including related FICA expense, is reflected on the Private-Purpose Trust Fund's balance sheet.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### COMPENSATED ABSENCES (Continued)

It is the Authority's policy to fund this long-term liability in the amount of at least 50% of the estimated liability. Based on the long-term liability of \$8,659, funding of \$4,330 is required. At June 30, 2005, the Authority had funded the account in the amount of \$15,000.

### POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

When employment is interrupted or terminated, all insurance coverage continues only for the balance of the month in which such termination occurs or until the next premium is due, whichever is later.

### FUND EQUITY

Unreserved retained earnings represent net assets available for future operations or distribution. Reserved retained earnings represent net assets that have been legally identified for specific purposes. Designated retained earnings represent amounts earmarked by the Authority for future expenditures.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

### BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

### USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

### NOTE B - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS

#### CASH RESERVES

### Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2005

As provided in Ordinance No. 4, the Revenues of the System shall be set aside into a separate fund designated the West Iron County Sewage Disposal System Receiving Fund, and the moneys so deposited therein shall be transferred, expended, and used only in the manner and order as follows:

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE B - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

### CASH RESERVES (Continued)

### Operation and Maintenance Fund

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 4, there has been established and maintained a separate fund designated the Operation and Maintenance Fund. Revenues in the Operation and Maintenance Fund shall remain in said fund. Revenues shall be transferred each quarter of the fiscal year from the receiving fund to the Operation and Maintenance Fund to pay the reasonable and necessary current expenses of administration and operating and maintaining the System for the ensuing quarter.

### Bond and Interest Redemption Fund

Revenues shall be transferred each quarter of the fiscal year from the Receiving Fund, before any other expenditures or transfer therefrom, and deposited in the Bond and Interest Redemption Fund for payment of principal of and interest on the outstanding bonds.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE B - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

# CASH RESERVES (Continued) Bond and Interest Redemption Fund (Continued)

On the first day of each quarter, there shall be set aside an amount not less than % of the amount of interest due on the next interest payment date. There shall also be set aside on the first day of each quarter of the fiscal year an amount not less than % of the amount of principal due on the next principal payment date.

On June 30, 2005, the Authority is required to have reserved \$ 26,751 in the Bond and Interest Redemption Fund. The actual balance as of June 30 was \$ 73,633.

#### Bond Reserve Account

Established within the Bond and Interest Redemption Fund is a separate account designated as the Bond Reserve Account. As stipulated in the Sales Resolution, the amount of \$ 214,652 was to be transferred from the proceeds of the Refunding Bonds into the Bond Reserve Account.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

#### NOTE B - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### CASH RESERVES (Continued)

#### Bond Reserve Account (Continued)

No further deposits are required to be made one the aforesaid sums have been deposited.

At June 30, 2005, the balance in the Bond Reserve Account was \$ 214,841.

#### Repair and Reconstruction Account

Revenues are to be transferred each quarter of the fiscal year from the Receiving Fund and deposited in the Repair and Reconstruction Account in such amount as necessary to maintain the Repair and Reconstruction Account at not less than \$50,000. Moneys in this account shall be used and disbursed only for the purpose of paying the cost of repairing or replacing any damage to the System, or making improvements to the System, and when necessary, for the purpose of making payments of principal and interest on the Bonds.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE B - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

# CASH RESERVES (Continued) Repair and Reconstruction Account (Continued)

At June 30, 2005, the balance in the Repair and Reconstruction Account was \$ 194,613.

#### Improvement Fund

Although not required under Ordinance 4, the West Iron County Sewer Authority also maintains a balance of \$ 10,000 in an Improvement Fund.

#### PRIMARY GOVERNMENT

On June 30, 2005, the carrying value of the Authority's deposits (Primary Government) was \$ 3,096,200 and is comprised of cash and deposits reflected in the following funds:

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE B - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

### PRIMARY GOVERNMENT (Continued)

Enterprise Funds		
Proprietary Fund	\$	308120
Total Enterprise Funds		308120
Fiduciary Funds		
Private-Purpose Trust Fund		1500
Total Fiduciary Funds		1500
TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	ė	309620

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3, risk disclosures for the local unit's cash deposits classifies cash according to three levels of risk.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE B - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

The three levels of risk are as follows:

Category 1 Deposits which are insured or collateralized with securities held by the Authority or by its agent in the Authority's name.

Category 2 Deposits which are collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Authority's name.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE B - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Category 3 Deposits which are not collateralized or insured.

Based on these levels of risk, the Authority's cash deposits (Primary Government) are classified as follows:

### SCHEDULE OF CASH AND DEPOSITS

### PRIMARY GOVERNMENT

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE B - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

#### INVESTMENTS

The Authority's investments are categorized below to give an indication of the level of risk assumed at year-end.

Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the Authority or agent in the Authority's name. Category 2 includes uninsured unregistered investments for which the securities are held by the broker's or dealer's safekeeping department or agent in the Authority's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and registered investments for which the securities are held by the broker or dealer, or by its safekeeping department or agent, but not in the Authority's name.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE B - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

### INVESTMENTS (Continued)

The Authority has no investments, as reflected below:

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### STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Act 196, PA 1997, authorizes the Authority to deposit and invest in:

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE B - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

### STATUTORY AUTHORITY (Continued)

- Bonds, securities, and other obligations of the United States or an agency or instrumentality of the United States.
- 2. Certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts, or depository receipts of a financial institution eligible to be a depository of funds belonging to the State of Michigan under a law or rule of this state or the United States.
- 3. Commercial paper rated at the time of purchase within the two highest classifications established by not less than two standard rating services and that matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE B - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

### STATUTORY AUTHORITY (Continued)

- 4. Repurchase agreements consisting of instruments issued by the United States or an agency or instrumentality of the United States.
- 5. Bankers acceptances of United States banks.
- 6. Obligations of the State of Michigan or any of its political subdivisions that at the time of purchase are rated as investment grade by not less than one standard rating service.
- 7. Mutual funds registered under the Investment Act of 1950 with the authority to purchase only investment vehicles that are legal for direct investment by a public corporation.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

## NOTE B - CASH, DEPOSITS, AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

### STATUTORY AUTHORITY (Continued)

The Authority has adopted an investment policy, allowing for all types of deposits and investments listed above. The Authority's deposits and investments are in compliance with it's investment policy.

### NOTE C - PENSION PLAN

### DESCRIPTION OF PLAN AND PLAN ASSETS

The West Iron County Sewer Authority is in an agent multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan with the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS).

The system provides the following provisions: normal retirement, deferred retirement, service retirement allowance, disability retirement allowance, non-duty-connected death and post-retirement adjustments to plan members and their beneficiaries.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE C - PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

## DESCRIPTION OF PLAN AND PLAN ASSETS - (Continued)

The service requirement is computed using credited service at the time of termination of membership multiplied by the sum of 2.25 percent times the final average compensation (FAC) with a maximum benefit of 80 percent of FAC. The most recent period for which actuarial data was available was for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004.

MERS was organized pursuant to Section 12a of Act#156, Public Acts of 1851 (MSA 5.333(a); MCLA 46.12(a), as amended, State of Michigan.

MERS is regulated under Act No. 427 of the Public Acts of 1984, sections of which have been approved by the State Pension Commission.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE C - PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

## DESCRIPTION OF PLAN AND PLAN ASSETS - (Continued)

MERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the system.

That report may be obtained by writing to:

MERS 447 North Canal Street Lansing, Michigan 48917-9755

#### FUNDING POLICY

The obligation to contribute to and maintain the system for these employees was established by negotiation with the West Iron County Sewer Authority's competitive bargaining unit and personnel policy, which does not require employees to contribute to the plan.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

#### NOTE C - PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

#### FUNDING POLICY (Continued)

The Authority is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate; the current rate was 17.9 percent at December 31, 2004.

#### ANNUAL PENSION COST

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, the Authority's contributions totaling \$25,539 were made in accordance with the contribution requirement determined by an actuarial valuation of the plan as of 2004. The employer 31, contribution rate has been determined based on the entry age normal funding method. Under the entry age normal funding method, total employer contribution comprised of the normal cost plus the level percentage of payroll payment required to amortize the unfunded actuarial accrued liability over 30 years. employer normal cost is, for each employee, payroll level percentage of contribution (from entry age to retirement) required to accumulate sufficient assets at the member's retirement to pay for his projected benefit.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE C - PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

### ANNUAL PENSION COST (Continued)

Significant actuarial assumptions used include a long-term investment yield rate of 8 percent and annual salary increases of 4.5 percent based on age-related scale to reflect merit, longevity, and promotional salary increases.

# REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR GASE STATEMENT NO. 25

The following information has been prepared to provide the information necessary to comply with GASB Statements Number 25 and 27. Statement 25 is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 1996 and Statement 27 is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 1998.

All entries are based on the actuarial methods and assumptions that were used in the December 31, 2004 actuarial valuation to determine the annual employer contribution amounts.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE C - PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

## REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR GASE STATEMENT NO. 25 (Continued)

The entry age normal actuarial method was used to determine the entries at disclosure.

### GASB 25 INFORMATION (AS OF 12/31/04)

114276
65206
28732
469369
503804
173779

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE C - PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

### GASB 27 INFORMATION (as of 12/31/04)

Fiscal Year Beginning

July 1, 2006

Annual Required Contribution (ARC)

\$ 25860 \*

Amortization Factor Used - Underfunded Liability (30 years)

0.053632

\* Based on valuation payroll, but the actual required contribution will be based on current monthly payment (during the fiscal year beginning July 01, 2006) times the computed employer contribution rate(s).

#### NOTE D - ACCUMULATED FUND DEFICITS

At June 30, 2005, the Authority had no fund balance/retained earnings deficit in any fund.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE E - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Authority maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Authority.

### NOTE F - CAPITAL ASSETS

### BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES

The following is a summary of the changes in capital assets for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005:

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE F - CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES Capital Assets Not	Balance June 30, 2004	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30, 2005
Being Depreciated	\$	\$	\$	\$
Land, Easements, and				
Right of Way	38933	0	0	38933
Total Capital Assets Not				
Being Depreciated	\$ 38933	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 38933
Other Capital Assets				
Buildings	6656017			6656017
Machinery and Equipment	4788757	6557	0	4795314
Total Other Cap. Assets	\$ 11444774	\$ 6557	\$ 0	\$ 11451331
Less Accumulated				
Depreciation for:				
Machinery and Equipment	3806085	_(71788)	0	3877873
Total Accum. Depreciation	3806085	(71788)	0	3877873
TOTAL BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES	\$ <u>7677622</u>	\$ <u>(65</u> 231)	<b>\$</b> 0	A 7610201
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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE G - LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of the primary government's long-term debt obligation at June 30, 2005.

	July 01, 2004	Additions	Deductions	June 30,
Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 1998 Refunding Revenue Bonds,	\$ 2480000	\$ -0-	\$ 80000	\$ 2400000
Series 2005	-0-	2505000	<u>-0-</u>	2505000
Total	\$ 2480000	\$ 2505000	\$ 80000	\$ 4905000

### REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1998

In November of 1998, the West Iron County Sewer Authority, pursuant to, and in full compliance with the constitution and statutes of the State of Michigan, including particularly Act 94, Public Acts of Michigan, 1933, as amended, approved the issuance of Bonds.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

#### NOTE G - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

## REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1998 (Continued)

Bonds were issued pursuant to ordinances adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Authority and a resolution adopted for the purpose of providing to finance the costs of refunding Refunded Bonds, to fund and maintain a debt service reserve fund, and pay certain costs incurred in connection with the issuance of the Bonds.

The West Iron Sewer Authority Sewage Disposal System Revenue Refunding Bonds Series 1998 were issued in the principal amount of \$ 2,865,000, dated November 1, 1998, and consist of one fully registered bond without coupons for each maturity and are sold in denominations of \$ 5,000 or any integral multiple thereof.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

### NOTE G - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

## REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1998 (Continued)

The Bank of New York is the Paying Agent and also bond registrar and transfer agent if the Bonds cease to be held in book-entry only form.

The Bonds and the interest thereon are special, limited obligations of the West Iron County Sewer Authority, payable solely from the net revenues derived from the operation of the system.

Interest is payable on April 1 and October 1 of each year.

Scheduled payments of principal and interest are as follows:

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

NOTE G - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

# REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1998 (Continued)

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

#### NOTE G - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

#### REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2005

On May 26, 2005, the West Iron County Sewer Authority issued \$ 2,505,000 in Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2005 to pay the cost of refunding all or a portion of the West Iron County Sewer Authority's outstanding Sewage Disposal System Revenue Refunding Bonds; to provide for the collection of revenues from the operation and maintenance of the system and to pay the principal of and interest on the revenue funding bonds; to provide an adequate reserve fund for the revenue refunding bonds; to provide for the rights of the holders of the revenue refunding bonds in enforcement thereof; to provide for other matters relating to the system and the revenue refunding bonds. The bonds were issued in order to realize a reduction in the amount of debt service payments required to be paid on the Refunding Bonds as compared to the Outstanding Bonds.

Principal payments are due on April 01 of each year, beginning on April 01, 2006.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

## NOTE G - LONG-TERM DEBT (CONTINUED)

# REFUNDING REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2005 (Continued)

The first interest payment is payable on October 01, 2005, and semi-annually on April 01 and October 01 thereafter.

Scheduled payments of principal and interest are as follows:

_Uune_30	April Principal	Tatorest	October 01 Interest	Total
2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2015 2021 2021	\$ e0000 105000 105000 105000 115000 115000 12000 12000 12000 140000 135006 475000 580000	43502 46297 44722 43095 41335 13566 77511 335411 33161 30571 100654 24856	46298 44723 43095 41335 39466 37511 33461 30574 28006 95174 12530	\$ 43503 169800 196020 192817 194430 195801 491977 192923 193572 203732 193597 981028 617386

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

## NOTE H - SEGMENT INFORMATION

Operating Revenues	
Depreciation and	\$ 59691
Amortization Expense	
Operating Income or (Loss)	71788
Operating Grants, Entitlements, and Shared Revenues	177357
Operating Transfers:	0
In	
(Out)	0
Tax Revenues	0
Net Income or Loss	0
Current Capital:	(32145
Contributions	
Transfers	0
Property, Plant, and Equipment Additions	0
Deletions	6557
	0

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# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

## NOTE H - SEGMENT INFORMATION (CONTINUED)

## (Continued from previous page)

Net working capital Total Assets Bonds and Other Long Term Liabilities	\$ 2915212 10701312
Payable from Operating Revenues Payable from Other Sources	<b>474</b> 0000 0
Total Equity	5787603

## NOTE I - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related parties exist when there is a relationship that offers the potential for transactions at less than arm's length, favorable treatment, or the ability to influence the outcome of events differently from that which might result in the absence of that relationship.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

## NOTE I RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

Financial statements must include disclosure of material related party transactions, other than compensation arrangements, expense allowances similar items in the ordinary course of business. However, disclosure of transactions that are eliminated in the preparation of combined financial statements is not required in those statements.

On this basis, there were no related party transactions reported in the financial statements.

## NOTE J - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have a material effect on the financial statements which requires adjustment or disclosure.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

JUNE 30, 2005

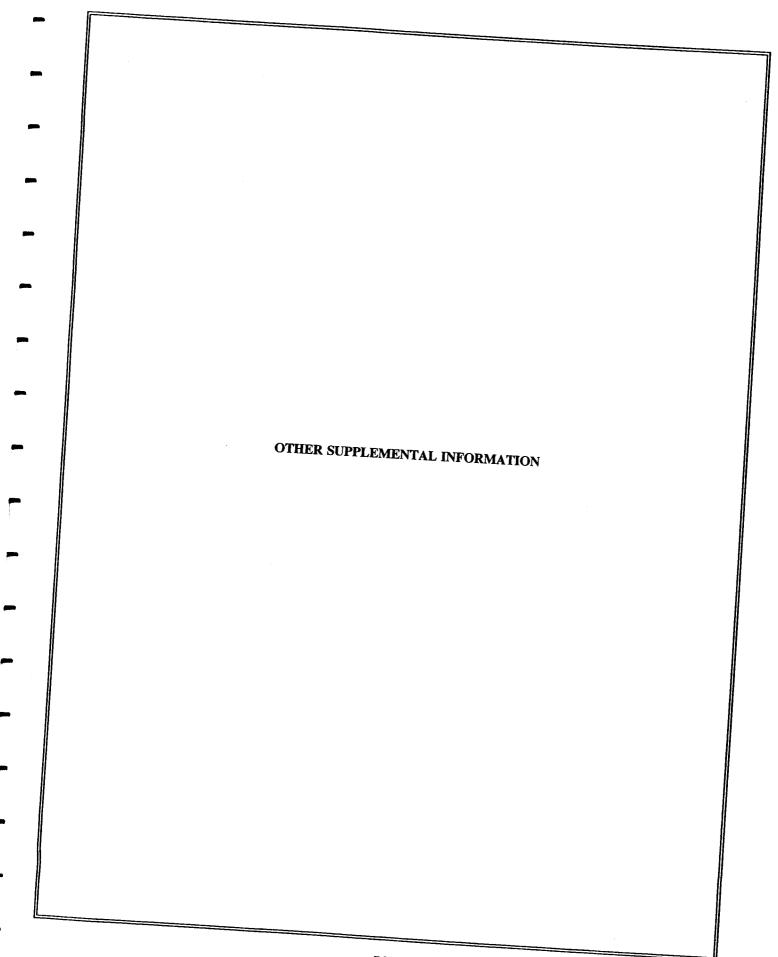
#### NOTE J - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS (CONTINUED)

They relate to events that provide additional evidence with respect to conditions that existed at the date of the balance sheet and events that provide evidence with respect to conditions that did not exist at the date of the balance sheet but arose subsequent to that date.

At fiscal year ended June 30, 2005, there were no subsequent events that would have a significant effect on the Authority's operations.

#### NOTE K - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

There are no commitments or contingencies, the reporting of which would have a material effect on the financial position of the West Iron County Sewer Authority.



### BALANCE SHEET - ENTERPRISE FUND

JUNE 30, 2005

ASSETS CURRENT ASSETS	
Unrestricted Assets	
Cash	\$ 107,303
Accounts Receivable	1,380
Due from Trust and Agency	6,341
Restricted Assets	
Cash	2,973,897
TOTAL OUDDENIE ACCURA	
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	3,088,921
FIXED ASSETS	
Land	
Land Improvements	36,608
Building	2,325
Sewer Station: Lines and Equipment	6,656,017
Furniture and Fixtures	4,793,308
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	2,006
2000. / Rodamalated Depreciation	(3,877,873)
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS	7,612,391
TOTAL ASSETS	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$10,701,312
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$10,701,312
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# COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS ENTERPRISE FUND

FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2005 and 2004

OPERATING REVENUES	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Charges for Services		
Operation and Maintenance	\$ 389.371	
Debt Retirement	,	\$ 351,119
Other Sources	187,611	187,159
Miscellaneous	1,200 18,729	1,200 7,721
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES		
	596,911	547,199
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salaries and Wages	400 707	
Board Fees	128,797	141,125
Utilities and Telephone	3,655	2,845
Operating Supplies	43,411	47,448
Repairs and Maintenance	17,548	10,749
Legal Fees	8,008	9,742
Audit Fees	2,977	1,384
Testing and Other Fees	3,207	2,128
Insurance and Bonds	10,312	10,545
Employee Benefits	57,610	22,833
Transfer Fees	69,574	99,178
Depreciation	25	900
Office Expense	71,788	71,859
Fravel and Education	1,915	919
Miscellaneous	727	168
MISCONALICUUS	<u> </u>	42
OTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	419,554	421,865
DEDATING PROFIT (1 000)	,	421,000
PPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)	177,357	125 224
Ion Operating Inc.	,	125,334
lon-Operating Income		
Interest Income	8,707	5.070
O	0,707	5,979
on-Operating Expense		
Interest Expense	(121,173)	(404
Cost of Issuance		(124,173)
Underwriter Discount / Bond Insurance	(37,577)	=
	(59,459)	-
ET INCOME (LOSS)	(20.445)	
	(32,145)	7,140
ETAINED EARNINGS, JULY 1,		
before restatement		
ld: Cumulative Effect of a Change		217,116
in accounting principles		
ETAINED EARNINGS, July 1,		5,595,492
after restatement		
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	5,819,748	5,812,608

#### STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - ENTERPRISE FUND

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

#### CASH FLOWS FROM (USED BY)

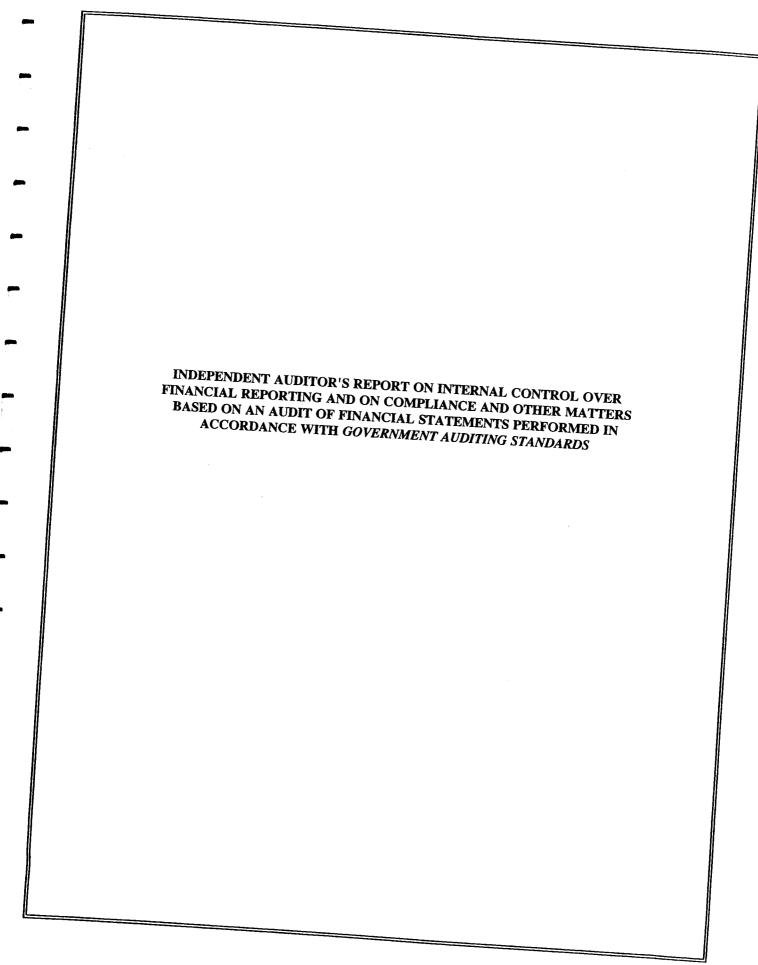
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net cash received from fees and services	\$	577,244
Other operating revenues		18,729
Cash payments to employees for services		(199,650)
Cash payments to goods and services		(149,395)
Other operating expenses		-
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$	246,928
NON CAPITAL AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
(Increase) decrease in due from other funds		(4,928)
Increase (decrease) in due to other funds		-
Net operating transfers in (out)	_	-
NET CASH USED BY NON CAPITAL AND FINANCING		
ACTIVITIES	\$	(4,928)
CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets		(6,557)
Principal payment on long-term bonds		(80,000)
Interest paid on long-term bonds		(114,582)
Interest and tax expense		(114,002)
Proceeds from borrowings		2,505,000
Cost of Issuance		(37,577)
Underwriter Discount / Bond Insurance		(59,459)
NET CASH FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED		
FINANCING ACTIVITIES	\$	2,206,825
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest Income		8,707
NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
NET CASH FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	\$	8,707
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND		
CASH EQUIVALENTS		2,457,532
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year		200 000
		623,668
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$	3,081,200

# STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - ENTERPRISE FUND (CONTINUED)

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005

## CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Operating Income (Loss) Adjustment to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:	\$ 177,357
Depreciation     Provision for uncollectible accounts     Changes in assets and liabilities:	71,788
(Increase) Decrease in accounts receivable Increase (Decrease) in accounts payable	(938)
Increase (Decrease) in accrued benefits Increase (Decrease) in customer deposits	(1,279)
NET CASH FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ 246,928



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Trustees

West Iron County Sewer Authority
Caspian, Michigan 49915

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities and each major fund of the West Iron County Sewer Authority, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2005, which comprise the West Iron County Sewer Authority's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 01, 2005. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America.

## Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the West Iron County Sewer Authority's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no such matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operations that we consider to be material weaknesses.

## Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the **West Iron County Sewer Authority**'s financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts.

## Compliance and Other Matters (Continued)

However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, the Board, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and it is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Dianne S. Rostagno
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August 01, 2005

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August 01, 2005

Board of Trustees

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We have audited the financial statements of the **West Iron County Sewer Authority** for the year ended June 30, 2005, and have issued our report thereon dated August 01, 2005. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to the audit:

# Our Responsibility under Generally Accepted Auditing Standards and Government Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated March 16, 2005, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Because an audit is designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute assurance and because we did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material errors, fraud, or other illegal acts may exist and not be detected by us.

As part of the audit, we considered the internal control of the West Iron County Sewer Authority. Such considerations were solely for the purpose of determining the audit procedures and not to provide any assurance concerning such internal control.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the **West Iron County Sewer Authority's** compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of our tests was not to provide an opinion on compliance with such provisions.

#### Significant Accounting Policies

Management has the responsibility for selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application.

## Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

The significant accounting policies used by the West Iron County Sewer Authority are described in the Note to the financial statements. accounting policies adopted and the application of existing policies was not There were no new changed during this year. We noted no transactions entered into by the West Iron County Sewer Authority during the year that were both significant and unusual, and of which, under professional standards, we are required to inform you, or transactions for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus.

#### Accounting Estimates

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected.

There were no sensitive estimates affecting the financial statements as

#### Audit Adjustments

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define an audit adjustment as a proposed correction of the financial statements that, in our judgment, may not have been detected except through our auditing procedures. These adjustments may include those proposed by us but not recorded by the West Iron County Sewer Authority that could potentially cause future financial statements to be materially misstated, even though we have concluded that such adjustments are not material to the current financial statements. We proposed no audit adjustments that could, in our judgment, either individually or in the aggregate, have a significant effect on the West Iron County Sewer Authority's financial reporting

## Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of the audit.

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## Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the governmental unit's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

### Issues Discussed Prior to Retention of Independent Auditors

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the West Iron County Sewer Authority's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

## Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing the audit.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board and management of the West Iron County Sewer Authority and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

Dianne S. Rostagno

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